

FIRECRIER

West Des Moines Fire Department

APRIL, 2014



UPCOMING DATES

◆ July 4th Mud Volleyball and Fireworks!



ON THE SPOTS

**Lt. Nelson- FF Kozak- FF Monson- D/O
O'Connell- Lt. Hall- FF Shapansky-FF
Egenberger-FF Carlson- FF Bruening-FF
Knowles- Jim Kirkman**

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

**Fire Department Instructors Conference-
Fire Marshal Whitsell- Denise Kinkade-
Deputy Chief Eslick- D/O Scott Aanes**

**Fire Dynamics in Structures- Chief Cox-
Lts. Albrecht-Hall and McFarland**

**D.C. Jack Benge- Pyrotechnics Refresher
Training, D.C. Greg Jones- Wildland Red
Card Refresher Training**

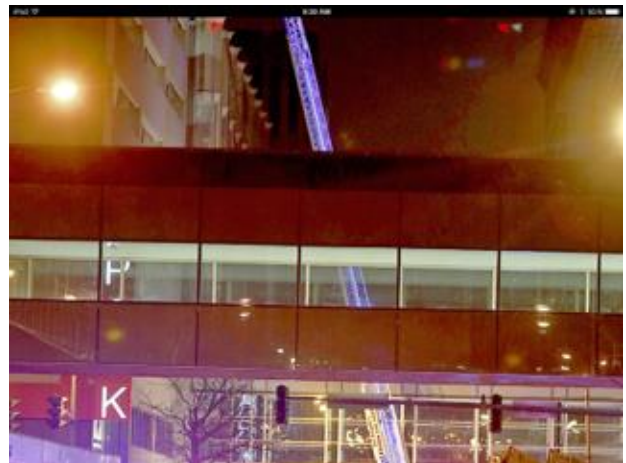
**Highway Safety for Emergency Responders
(taught by Ryan Pietzsch -former WDM Lt.)
D.C. Eslick**

**Achieved Iowa EMT Certification- FF Mike
Dunkin**

MOVING ON

POC F/F Mike Keeney has resigned (5+ years-
#22) to pursue military career in Georgia. We
wish him safe adventures and good luck.

**Station #21 "A" created a station decal "eye
of the tiger".**



L215 "C" at DSM Youngers Fire

**A little hard to tell but that is L215 stick up
in the air in DSM on the infamous Youngers
fire- DON'T THINK IT COULDN'T
HAPPEN HERE?????.....**

Just look around at some of the multi-story
corporate buildings under construction or the
multifamily dwellings with light weight wood
construction that is a virtual lumber yard on
end (with no fire protection installed yet). Our
Fire Prevention Bureau is great at trying to
protect you also, while under construction, but
they get a lot of resistance to our life safety

code requirements. Most owners think it will never happen to them.



This is one reason FDIC attendance is so popular. Not in budget- Not going to happen!

CAFS with TIC- anything is possible.



Throwback Thursday pic- spot anyone you know? Mustache was darker then!



Rumor has it- Station #18 Technical Teams have taken on another Specialty?



WESTERN HILLS FIRE

FFs Siembieda and Schumacher slaying the dragon- Photo taken by E911 caller

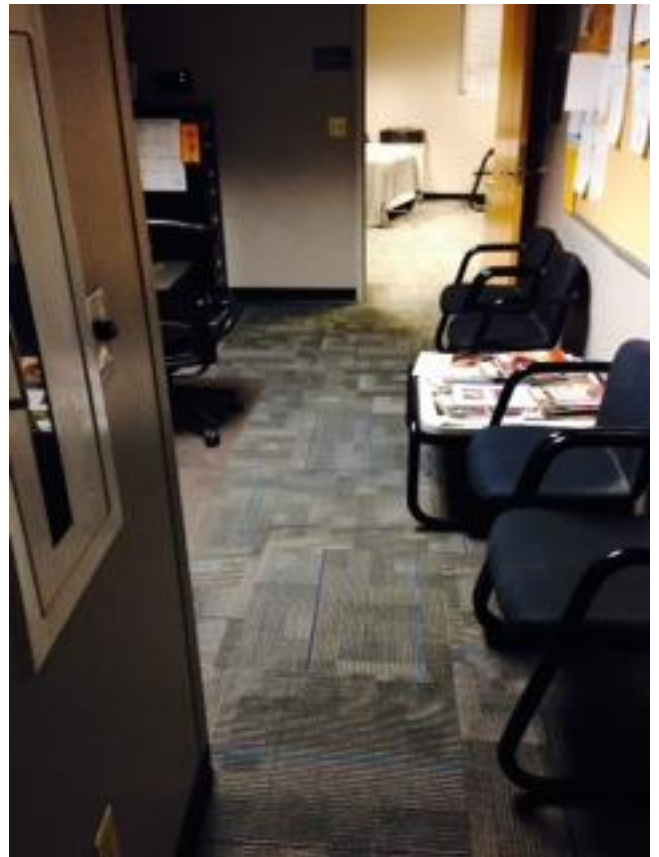


LET THE FUN BEGIN



Station #21 NEW Concrete Parking and Driveways

Station #17 Total “Make-Over” is almost complete – new brick, insulation, roof, windows, blinds, interior drywall, etc. and hopefully NO LEAKS. D.C. Eslick was overheard saying this was one of the most enjoyable projects he has been involved with and learned lessons for the estate he is building in Dallas County.



Station #22 gets new carpeting- Thanks to Lt. Hall and his crew for also painting some rooms.



Everything looks normal except D/O Aanes' PINK wall behind his bed. Something about calming his sleep pattern.



NEW WDM FD EMPLOYEE – “Fred” the Fire Fighter

Thanks to the Fire Fighters’ Association who raised funds to purchase this popular prop that will be used at Public Education/Relations Events.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EASTER EGG EVENT—Pictures by Yoshi....



Perfect Day and “Perfect” START by FF Kiburz



CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY TAKES OFF AGAIN





WINNERS!

2014 American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb

Jason Rahmus came in 8th place in the Volunteer Fire Fighter Relay.

“Lungs a Burnin” placed 517th overall with a total time of 16:08 and raised \$670. They were 3rd place in fundraising among the Volunteer Fire Fighter Relay Division.

The team was Brandon Glenn (22); Blake Rahmus (22) and Brandon Patava (17).

Brandon Glenn’s time was 5:21 for 17 flights.

Brandon Patava’s time was 4:16 for 18 flights.

Jason Rahmus’ time was 6:31 for 32 flights.

It looks a potential competitive challenge for next year???



Lt. Albrecht has developed a reputation for coming across stranded motorists AND providing excellent customer service with their safety in mind. This picture clearly represents that AND the fact that he is a master delegator (see who is doing the heavy lifting).